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July 2, 2025

The Honorable Anthony J. Trenga
United States Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court
U.S. Courthouse
333 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001

Re: (U) *In Re Accuracy Concerns Regarding FBI Matters Submitted to the FISC*,
Docket No. Misc. 19-02.

Dear Judge Trenga:

(U) The government files this letter in furtherance of its obligations pursuant to this Court's Order dated May 22, 2023 (Order), in the above-listed docket number, which ordered the government to file periodic reports regarding technological improvements to processes used by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) for preparing Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) applications or verifying the information contained in FISA applications. In the Order, the Court ordered the government to provide a report no later than October 13, 2023. The Order further required that, if deployment of the Bridge (discussed below) was not completed by October 13, 2023, the government shall submit subsequent reports at intervals of no more than 90 days thereafter, until the government reports that such deployment has been completed. The government timely filed its report on October 13, 2023, noting, in part, that the deployment of the Bridge was ongoing. As described in previous update reports, while deployment of the Bridge is fully completed on the FBI's Secret enclave, the FBI is still working to deploy the Bridge on the Top Secret enclave. This letter constitutes the government's subsequent report in this matter.

(U) As previously reported, the FBI has developed and implemented an electronic FISA management system named the Bridge to streamline the FBI's FISA-related workflow processes. The Bridge replaces the FBI's prior system, the FISA Management System (FISAMS), and remedies certain deficiencies presenting technological challenges due to the age of FISAMS. Among other benefits, the Bridge uses a technical interface to communicate with Sentinel, the FBI's case management system, and automatically cross-references Bridge data with Sentinel case data. Users can also complete FISA request forms and FISA verification forms directly in the Bridge,

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which assists users in validating inputted data. As previously reported, the FBI has fully deployed the Bridge throughout the enterprise's Secret enclave; however, the Bridge has not yet been deployed on the enterprise's Top Secret enclave.

(U) As noted in the government's prior reports, on the Secret enclave, the FBI's Bridge team has primarily transitioned to a support and operations role. FISAMS is no longer used for processing new or renewal Secret-level FISA applications. The FBI, through the Bridge team, continues to provide training and direct support to address user issues, and continues to refine and improve the application's functionality to make it more user friendly.

(U) Since the government's last report, the FBI continues to prepare the Top Secret enclave for the development and eventual deployment of the Bridge. As previously reported, the Bridge application was developed so that it could be deployed across multiple enclaves with minimal redevelopment. In anticipation of fully integrating the Bridge, the Bridge team previously completed necessary preliminary steps, approving the network extension step necessary to allow the installation of a critical network connection and overall, "standing up" the appropriate network environment. More recently, the FBI continues to work towards verifying all of the appropriate network connections. However, the FBI currently faces significant resource challenges which may delay the completion of the necessary steps for deployment.

(U) In light of the current resource challenges, the FBI does not have a timeline for when it will be able to resume making significant process towards deployment of the Bridge on the Top Secret enclave. Based on the lack of expected substantive updates, the government requests leave of current 90-day reporting requirement and proposes to instead notify the Court once the FBI has fully deployed the Bridge on the Top Secret enclave.¹

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¹ (U) If there are any significant updates to report regarding the Bridge prior to its full deployment on the Top Secret enclave, the government will notify the Court.

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(U) The FBI has reviewed this letter and confirmed its accuracy.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Sanz-Rexach', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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